



## Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA)

The National Cancer Institute, a major research component of the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services, is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA).

The Cancer Research Training Award provides an outstanding opportunity for an individual with a strong interest in health psychology and cancer control to gain experience working as an extramural behavioral scientist at the National Cancer Institute. The CRTA appointment is a one- or two-year position with the Basic and Biobehavioral Research Branch (BBRB), Behavioral Research Program, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences of the National Cancer Institute (<http://dccps.nci.nih.gov/bbrb>).

The CRTA position provides an exciting and unique opportunity to work with leaders in the field of behavioral science and cancer control. The trainee will work at the National Cancer Institute, the largest Institute at the National Institutes of Health, and the leader in providing direction and funding for cancer research nationwide. The position will allow the trainee to come into contact with a large number of scientists representing the disciplines of medicine, psychology, epidemiology, public health, nursing, social work, and medical anthropology.

### **Position Description**

The trainee will function as a member of the BBRB and work with BBRB staff on projects related to the BBRB mission. Day-to-day activities might include conducting literature searches, preparing scientific papers, analyzing the BBRB research portfolio, participating in BBRB meetings, or attending lectures sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Additionally, the trainee may have opportunities to initiate and develop his or her own projects, as well as work with other scientific staff at the National Cancer Institute and other Institutes/Centers at the National Institutes of Health. The trainee will be supervised by Michael Stefanek, Ph.D., chief of the BBRB.

### **Qualifications**

- A Bachelor's degree in psychology or a related discipline OR a Master's degree in psychology, public health, or a related discipline
- A strong interest in health psychology and cancer control
- Experience conducting research or serving as a research assistant on a scientific project
- Excellent organizational, planning, and project management skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- The ability to work independently
- Data management skills (proficiency with EXCEL and statistical software packages is preferred)

### **Application Requirements**

- A one-page letter describing your interest in health psychology and cancer. Include a statement explaining how you see the CRTA position furthering your career goals. Please provide your earliest start date.
- Two references from supervisors or professors
- CV or resume
- Undergraduate or graduate transcript

### **Stipend and Benefits**

The trainee stipend is commensurate with education and experience. The stipend range for a trainee with a Bachelor's degree is \$23,100 – 35,800; the stipend range for a trainee with a Master's degree is \$27,400 – 35,900. Health benefits are provided.

### **Start Date**

The CRTA start date is negotiable. May 2005 is the earliest start date.

### **Application Deadline**

Applications must be received by April 1, 2005.

### **Inquiries**

For further information about the CRTA position, contact Wendy Nelson, Ph.D., by e-mail ([nelsonw@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nelsonw@mail.nih.gov)) or telephone (301/435-4590).

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